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MAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK COCAINE RELATED CHARGES

FT. MYERS - A drug "manager" of a crack cocaine organization in Immokalee, Florida, was sentenced to 25 years' incarceration in federal court in Fort Myers today. U.S. District Judge John E. Steele sentenced Doyle Grimes, a/k/a "G-Money", age 26, of Miami, Florida to prison for conspiracy with intent to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, also called "crack cocaine." The sentence of Doyle Grimes was enhanced because of a prior drug conviction in Miami. A jury found him guilty of those charges in December 2002. The defendant will also serve 8 years of supervised release following the prison term.

According to trial testimony, from August 2001 until February 2002, Grimes traveled from Miami to Immokalee once a week for two to three days to supply crack cocaine to a number of co-defendants who worked for him. He also unwittingly sold the illegal drug in substantial quantities to undercover officers of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, and was captured on videotape in numerous transactions.

Four other members of the organization have pleaded guilty to various drug charges. Curtis Grimes, age 52, pled guilty in federal court this morning and a sentencing date has not yet been set. Frankie Lee Smith was sentenced to 262 months' imprisonment on March 24, 2003. Barian Parrish is scheduled to be sentenced on June 30, 2003. A sentencing date has not yet been set for the fifth defendant Andre Waller.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Chief Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy of the Fort Myers Division of the United States Attorney's Office.